

House Resolution 132

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th, and Scoggins of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Leonard B. Gandy on his outstanding public service; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Leonard B. Gandy has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army Reserves, the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and the Army National
8 Guard from 1971–1997, retiring with the rank of captain; and

9 WHEREAS Leonard's military career began upon graduation from college and assignment
10 in the United States Army Reserves where he attended Officer Basic Training School for
11 Military Police at Fort Gordon, Georgia; he rose to the rank of captain before transferring to
12 the United States Marine Corps Reserves, ultimately attaining the rank of Gunnery Sergeant;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in 1989, he transferred to the Army National Guard and served as a tank
15 commander until his retirement in 1997; while in the National Guard, he was activated
16 during Desert Storm from late 1990 until mid-1991; and

17 WHEREAS, Leonard continued to fulfill his desire to serve by starting a civilian law
18 enforcement career with the LaFayette Police Department in 1974; he served in a variety of
19 roles with the LaFayette Police Department, Cartersville Police Department, and the Bartow
20 County Sheriff's Office, before retiring with the rank of Captain in 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, he attended the Georgia Chiefs Police Command College and Columbus State
22 University, where he earned his master's degree in public administration; and

23 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with three
24 remarkable children, Laura, Roland, and Jeremy; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Leonard is an active member of Faith United
26 Methodist Church in Cartersville; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, Leonard has served with honor and distinction with the United States Armed
30 Forces, and his vision and unyielding commitment to civil service have set the standard for
31 public service; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Leonard B. Gandy for his efficient,
36 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and this nation, and
37 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Leonard B. Gandy.